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R 240500Z AUG 76  
FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2176  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
CINCPAC  
USMISSION GENEVA  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
USUN NEW YORK 0281  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMCONSUL UDORN  
AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

C O N F I D E N T I A L RANGOON 2921

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MMOL, PINS, SNAR, LA, IMCB, TH, BM  
SUBJ: ALLEGED OPIUM TRAFFICKING IN LAOS

REF: VIENTIANE 2014

EMBASSY SHARES VIENTIANE'S MISGIVINGS OVER FIGURES ON THE  
LAOS OPIUM CROP CITED BY VIENTIANE UNFDAC/DIRECTOR ARNAUD.  
PEGGED AT 900 TONS PER ANNUM, THE LAOS OPIUM CROP WOULD  
BE MORE THAN DOUBLE THE 400 METRIC TONS WE ESTIMATE FOR  
BURMA. ALSO INACCURATE IS ARNAUD'S STATEMENT THAT 350  
TONS OF BURMA-GROWN OPIUM TRANSITS LAOS YEARLY. THIS  
WOULD REPRESENT ALMOST 90 PERCENT OF THE ILLICIT OPIUM CROP OF  
BURMA. THE MAJORITY OF BURMESE OPIUM AND ITS DERIVATIVES,  
OF COURSE, IS SMUGGLED OUT TO THAILAND.

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